

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 584. *A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse;" to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.*

"... Thurgood Marshall will always be our nation's preeminent civil rights lawyer. He won 29 of the 32 cases he argued before the Supreme Court. During his time with the NAACP, he argued one of the hallmark court cases of our time, Brown v. Board of Education, which declared segregation illegal..."

Clinton

Pages S 2662, S 2667-8

S. 589. A bill to make permanent the moratorium on the imposition of taxes on the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Smith

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S. 27. Campaign Finance Reform:

Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 2603-56, D 242

Adopted:

Hatch Modified Amendment No. 134, to strike section 304 and add a provision to require disclosure to and consent by shareholders and members regarding use of funds for political activities. (By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 43), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S 2631-51, D 242

Pending:

Hatch Amendment No. 136, to add a provision to require disclosure to shareholders and members regarding use of funds for political activities.

Pages S 2651-6, D 242

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of **Hatch Amendment No. 136** (listed above) to the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 22, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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Executive Communications:

EC-1095. A communication from the Rules Administrator of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Office of General Counsel, Department of Justice, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drug Abuse Treatment and Intensive Confinement Center Programs: Early Release Consideration"* ((RIN1120-AA36) (RIN1120-AA66)) received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1110. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information"* (RIN0091-AB08) received on March 16, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Executive Communications (Cont'd.):

EC-1112. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information"* (RIN0091-AB08) received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1113. A communication from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department of Health and Human Services, *transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information"* (RIN0991-AB08) received on March 19, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings on **S. 520**, to amend the Clayton Act, which would impose limits on the amount of takeoff and landing slots large airlines can own at Washington Reagan National and New York LaGuardia Airports.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: *Caucus concluded hearings to examine the use and effects of the drug ecstasy, what can be done to curb its use by our nation's youth, and proposed legislation to change the federal sentencing guidelines for ecstasy trafficking, after receiving testimony from Diana E. Murphy, Chair, United States Sentencing Commission.*

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, March 22, 2001:

Committee on the Budget: @ 11:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine debt management issues. SD-608.

Committee on Finance: @ 2:30 p.m. To hold hearings to examine prescription drug issues and Medicare financing. SD-215.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on the Judiciary, 3/27/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine domestic response capabilities for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. SD-226.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 3/28/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine health information for consumers. SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary, 4/3/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 4/25/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to *examine the legal issues* surrounding faith based solutions. SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled (Cont'd.):

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents,

relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/8/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226.

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 1152. A bill to promote human rights, democracy, and the rule of law by providing a process for executive agencies for declassifying on an expedited basis and disclosing certain documents relating to human rights abuses in countries other than the United States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Lantos

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H.R. 1154. *A bill to require Federal law enforcement agencies to expunge voidable arrest records, to provide incentive funds to States that have in effect a system for expunging such records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Nadler

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H.R. 1155. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strike the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful; to the Committee on Agriculture. **(Title 18)**

Peterson

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Suspensions:

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Exceptions to Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995: H.R. 1042, amended, to prevent the elimination of certain reports (passed by a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 54);

Pages H 1022-3, H 1035-6, D 245

Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement: H.R. 496, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the Nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and Judicial Offices. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the Judicial Conference: Judge John G. Heyburn, II, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Chairman, and Judge Lawrence L. Piersol, U.S. District Court, District of South Dakota, member, both with the Committee on the Budget; and Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, member, Executive Committee; and Judge Fern M. Smith, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

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Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2002.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, **H.R. 718**, Unsolicited Commercial Electronic Mail Act of 2001.

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations approved for full Committee action a draft report entitled: *"A Citizens Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records."*

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action **H.R. 503**, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, **H.R. 863**, *Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001*.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Terrorism Working Group met in executive session to receive a briefing on Worldwide Terrorist Threat Posed by the Usama Bin Laden (UBL) Organization and U.S. Countermeasures.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, March 22, 2001:

Committee on Energy and Commerce, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Health, *hearing on Assessing HIPAA: How Federal Medical Privacy Regulations Can Be Improved.* 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, *hearing on "Toward a Telework-Friendly Government Workplace: Successes and Impediments in Managing Federal Telework Policies."* 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 11:00 a.m. *Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Executive Orders and Presidential Directives.* 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, *oversight hearing on "ICANN, NEW gTLDs, and the Protection of Intellectual Property."* 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, March 22, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Rules, @ 1:30 p.m. To meet to provide for general debate on a Concurrent Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002. H-313 Capitol.

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Remarks:

Reintroduction Of Child Handgun Injury Prevention Act, **H.R. 1014.**

Carson

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The Clear Your Good Name Act. (H.R. 1154)

"... Today, we are announcing the introduction of the Clear Your Good Name Act, which would require the expungement of voided arrest records in order to clear the names of innocent people. The bill defines a 'voided arrest' as any arrest followed by the release of the person without the filing of formal charges, by dismissal of proceedings against the person arrested, or by a determination that the arrest was without probable cause. The bill would require expungement of voided Federal arrest records and would provide a financial incentive to States to provide for expungement of voided State records..."

Nadler

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Violence Against Women.

Harman

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NEW PUBLIC LAW

S.J. Res. 6, providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics. Signed on March 20, 2001. (Public Law 107-5)

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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 9:00 a.m., March 22, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., March 22, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich